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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Uresh K. Vahalia & Percy Tzelnic

Serial No.: 09/261,621

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For: File Server System Providing Direct Data  
Sharing Between Clients With A Server  
Acting As An Arbiter and Coordinator

Group Art Unit: 2154

Examiner: Dustin Nguyen

Atty. Dkt. No.: EMCR:039/AUC

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.191, applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Official Action dated Jan. 8, 2004. Applicants respectfully appeal all of the rejected claims (1 to 50) in the above-identified application. Please deduct the fee of \$330.00 for filing the Notice of Appeal in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b) from EMC Corporation Deposit Account No. 05-0889, Order No. EMC-98-092, as indicated on the enclosed Fee Transmittal Form.

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